

## REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-16 and 18-22 are pending. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request examination and an action on the merits.

The specification has been amended to include an indication of the priority claim.

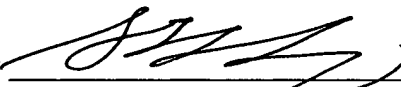
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies; to correct obvious typographical errata; and to be in accord with conventional U.S. practice.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 04-0258. If additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (213) 633-6800.

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